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1. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST APPOINTMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL
OF FSFA TO CONTINUE US-YUGOSLAV DIALOGUE ON ALGIERS NON-
ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE (BELGRADE 3602). IN COURSE OF
MEETING FOLLOWING POINTS MAY BE MADE.

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2. TRADE BETWEEN LDC'S AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

(A) GENERALIZED PREFERENCES. US UNDERSTANDS DESIRES OF LDC'S FOR GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR THEIR EXPORTS. TITLE VI OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S /TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1973", WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, WOULD PROVIDE PRESIDENT WITH AUTHORITY (FOR TEN YEARS) TO PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN NEGOTIATING GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES ON IMPORTS OF SEMI-MANUFACTURES, MANUFACTURES AND SELECTED OTHER PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

(B) (OPTIONAL) REVERSE PREFERENCES. LIKE YUGOSLAVIA. USG OPPOSES REVERSE PREFERENCES GRANTED BY LDC'S TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON GROUNDS THAT THEY VIOLATE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, ADVERSELY AFFECT TRADE INTERESTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES, AND ARE NOT IN LDC'S OWN INTEREST.

3. NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES. USG RECOGNIZES SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EVERY COUNTRY TO CONTROL ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. AT SAME TIME, WE RECOGNIZE THAT CAPITAL REQUIRED TO DEVELOP THESE RESOURCES MAY BE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IF RESOLUTIONS OR OTHER DECLARATIONS CALLING FOR EXPROPRIATION OR TAKEOVER OF FACILITIES OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH RESOURCES ARE NOT BALANCED BY LANGUAGE CALLING FOR APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION, THEY ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN REDUCED LEVELS OF INVESTMENT IN LDC'S BY US AND OTHER DEVELOPED WESTERN COUNTRIES. ADDITIONALLY, THEY WOULD BE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. SHOULD YUGOSLAVIA BE ASSOCIATED WITH UNBALANCED RESOLUTIONS OF THIS NATURE, THIS COULD HAVE A DAMAGING EFFECT ON WILLINGNESS OF US CORPORATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT VENTURES WITH YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES.

4. PUERTO RICO. CUBA MAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR PUERTO RICO IN ALGIERS. US WOULD REGARD THE DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO AT THE CONFERENCE AS INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE US AND PUERTO RICO. IN FREE ELECTIONS IN 1956, 1960, 1964, AND 1972 THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR PREFERENCE AMONG CHOICES OF INDEPENDENCE, COMMONWEALTH STATUS, AND STATEHOOD. THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PERCENTAGE OF VOTES CAST FOR INDEPENDENCE PARTIES SHRANK FROM ABOUT 15 PERCENT IN 1956 TO ABOUT 5 PERCENT IN 1972. THE US, THEREFORE, REGARDS THE QUESTION OF THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE LONG AGO, AND THEIR FREE CHOICE IN SUBSEQUENT ELECTIONS CONFIRMS IT. THIS ISSUE WAS CLEARLY AND DEFINITELY SETTLED BY THE UN IN 1953 WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFFIRMED IN RESOLUTION 748 (VIII) THAT IT "RECOGNIZES THAT,

WHEN CHOOSING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STATUS, THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO HAVE EFFECTIVELY EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION." (YUGOSLAVIA, AS A STATE WITH VARIED ETHNIC COMPOSITION, SHOULD BE AWARE OF SENSITIVITY OF SUCH ISSUES, E.G. KOSOVO-METOHIIJA.)

5. PANAMA CANAL. FYI. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOP HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET TAKEN FINAL DECISION ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE. END FYI. IN UNLIKELY EVENT FSFA SHOULD RAISE THIS TOPIC, EMBASSY MAY INDICATE THAT US VIEWS REMAIN THOSE OUTLINED IN PARA 3, STATE 061953 (APRIL 4, 1973).

6. FYI. DEPARTMENT HAS QUESTION OF OUR PUBLIC POSITION ON CONFERENCE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF DECISION SHORTLY. ROGERS

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